design and so on. Now, I have asked to put back the glass shutters and remove the wooden shutters.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Do not Government think that the construction of eaves will solve these difficulties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The construction of eaves will only aggravate the difficulties, because the water from these eaves will get into the building. In the design of the Ernakulam Girls' School building we have no eaves, and no water will be flowing in front of the building and so the amount of water getting into the building is smaller. Even though we have a verandah here we can find that with eaves the verandah has to be closed.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: If there is no verandah for this hall what will be the state of affairs here when the rain comes. That is the trouble in the school. If all the shutters are closed, there will be no ventilation.

Mr. T. S. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Why is it that in several of the school buildings, there is no shutter for windows?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Even in hospitals we do not construct any shutters to windows. In school buildings where there are verandahs, we do not put up shutters.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Are the Government aware that children are suffering from various difficulties on account of absence of shutters. They cannot have wall pictures if there are no shutters. We can very well imagine that these things will disappear during night for, if a wall picture is hung it will be stolen away if there are no shutters. Therefore Government will do well to provide shutters to windows.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is it not the policy of the Government to provide school buildings with verandahs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No. I can show you that most of the buildings constructed have no verandahs.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Have not the Government conceded in this House in a previous meeting that as far as possible they will provide verandahs to school buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സ്കൂളിനു കോമ്പൌണ്ടു ഉണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിനു വേലിയും പടിയും പൂട്ടും മറ്റുമില്ലേ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Most of them have.

KERALA KALAMANDALAM

131. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the various sections and No. of pupils in each;

(*b*) the No. of Instructors;

(*c*) the annual establishment charges of the Kerala Kalamandalam at Cheruthuruthy?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Kathakali section 7 students.

(*b*) 5 and a massage expert whose appointment is for 3 months only annually.

(*c*) Nearly Rs. 3,650.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Am I to take it that there is only one section in the Kerala Kalamandalam for instruction?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: At present it is only one section, that is working and there are no students for the other.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What is the massage expert doing?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: He is the man to give instruction for the physical culture of the pupils.

LEPER ASYLUM—CONFINEMENT OF LEPERS

132. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the exact or appropriate number of lepers outside the Leper Asylum;

(*b*) is anything done to confine them within Asylums?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) About 5,000 Lepers in the State.

(*b*) There is no sufficient accommodation in the Leprosy Hospital to house all the lepers in the State.

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Mr. President: Before allowing you to put the questions I have to be satisfied that it is necessary in the public interests that it should be answered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* The Hon'ble Member is present and the question is printed. So are we not to be allowed to put supplementary questions?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* This leper question is a great interest to the public.

Mr. President: I have no objection.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How many of our lepers have got accommodation in the Leper Assylum at Adur?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Between 350 and 360.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What will the other lepers do?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I suppose some will roam about and others will continue to live in their own homes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* From a public point of view is it desirable to have them roam about?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be prepared to initiate some steps by making an assylum for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* But there should be legislation for that. That question is being considered along with the beggar problem.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Would it be possible to have a central asylum like the one at Adur?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They should be isolated.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it possible to have a centre where the lepers found on the road in Ernakulam can be segregated and looked after either by the Municipality or by Government or by public charity?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We will consider it.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* What will be the cost per head?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Rs. 10 on an average.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is not the policy of the Government to check this disease?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to the possibility of sterilising these lepers so that they may not procreate lepers?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is not usually inherited.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* If so, have the Government done anything to segregate the children immediately they are born?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As long there is no legislation whereby lepers can be compulsorily segregated I do not think it is possible. As I said before, we are considering the question of bringing a legislation for lepers who roam about. It is a colossal problem, affecting throughout the whole of India but steps will be taken to see what we could do in the matter. We do realise the gravity of the problem.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to take steps to prevent these lepers at least from the main bazaars and contaminating the food stuffs of the people?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The beggars are not allowed to handle food stuffs.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Cannot the Government take some steps by which the Police can rigorously see that they are not in the main bazaars or markets? Will the Government be pleased to initiate some executive order for this?

Mr. President: With regard to that suggestion it will no doubt be considered by the Committee in considering the question of segregating lepers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is there not a home called the Sankarayya Home.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അഡൂർ ലപ്പർ അസൈലത്തിൽ ഒരു രോഗിക്കു പ്രതിമാസം എത്ര വീതം ചിലവുവരുന്നുണ്ട്?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: 10 രൂപ വീതം.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Taking into consideration also the establishment charges of Rs. 60,000 and the number of lepers, *i.e.*, 350, working out on that basis what is the idea?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We have been paying at the rate of Rs. 10 for each patient.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* What would be the average per patient taking into consideration the establishment charges also?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It will be more. On account of the increased expenditure on dietary charges we have increased the allotment.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* It will come to 180 per patient.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This year we have to pay a little more for dietary charges.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narakkal):* Are not venerial diseased more infectious than leprosy.

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

ARTICLE IN THE "GOMATHI"—"TRAVANCORE POLICEMAN UNDER ARREST"

133. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government has noted the article in the "Gomathi", page 2 of the issue, dated 6th July 1943 under the caption "തിരുവിതാംകൂർ പോലീസുകാരൻ അറസ്റ്റിൽ" (Travancore policeman under arrest)

(*b*) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the stage at which the case stands if a case has been registered already?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A case has been registered already. It is under investigation.

PLACING OF THE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

S. No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	17 (2) Sub-jails Diet of Prisoners	3,800	On account of the increased rate of diet charges and the increase in the number of prisoners this additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently.
2	24. Public Health A2-charges for Prevention of Epidemics	15,000	The allotment had to be sanctioned urgently being an emergent item which could not be postponed.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Rama Varmha Tmpuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "17 (2) Jails—Miscellaneous". I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 700 under "16-C Criminal Justice—Contingencies—Refunds". I request the House may be pleased to vote this amount.

Demand put and carried

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 43,790 under "28-A Civil Engineering—Communications—Maintenance". Consequent on the very heavy tender increase in the maintenance of roads, it has been found impossible to limit the expenditure within the budget allotment for 1118. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

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